

# **HCBS Universal Assessment Update**

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# Presentation Overview

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  - Scope of assessment per statute
- Current engagement
  - Activities supported by The SCAN Foundation
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# Definition and Terminology: Universal Assessment

## **Definition:**

A common assessment tool and process to assess an individual's functional capacity and needs that is used across programs and services to guide care planning and resource utilization.

## **Terminology:**

Also referred to as standardized assessment, uniform assessment, universal comprehensive assessment.

# Universal Assessment in the CCI

- HCBS Universal Assessment – authorized by WIC Section 14186.36, as established by SB 1036 (Chapter 45, Statutes of 2012)
- State “intent” to pursue a universal assessment to be implemented across HCBS programs that are part of CCI
  - In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)
  - Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)
  - Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS)
  - “other appropriate assessments used by other HCBS programs within the context of a managed care environment”
- Construction of assessment will build upon the IHSS uniform assessment process, IHSS hourly task guidelines, the MSSP assessment process, and other appropriate HCBS assessment tools

# Timeline and Activities in Statute

- CDSS, DHCS, and CDA will establish a stakeholder workgroup once preliminary materials are developed
- By March 1, 2014: CDSS, DHCS, and CDA will report to the Legislature on the progress of the stakeholder workgroup
- No sooner than January 1, 2015: upon completion of the design and development of the universal assessment tool and process, testing to commence in two to four CCI counties
- Nine months after implementation of the assessment process, CDSS, DHCS, and CDA will provide to the legislature an update of the initial results from the piloting of the tool and may recommend expansion of the assessment to other beneficiaries and/or counties at that time

# Current Activities

- The SCAN Foundation has supported the convening of an inter-departmental advisory group (including CDSS, DHCS and CDA staff) to provide input and guidance to grantees developing stakeholder materials
- Funded planning grants to a team lead by Dr. Debra Saliba at UCLA
  - Examine best practices in assessment including processes in place in other states
  - Closely examine the assessments and assessment processes of the HCBS programs in California
  - Develop materials that will be used during the stakeholder engagement period
- Funding the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS)
  - Explore how universal assessment works in a managed care environment

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